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- 1. SECRET ENTIRE TEXT.
- 2. SUMMARY: SEPTELS REPORT EMBASSY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AUTHORIZED VOLUNTARY EVACUATION OF DEPENDENT AND NEW TRAVEL ADVISORY -ANGUAGE ADVISING NON-OFFICIAL AMERICANS TO LEAVE CHINA. DIPLOMATIC COMPOUND RESIDENTS WHO WERE USING BINOCULARS TO

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WATCH THE JIANGUOMENWAI OVERPASS WERE WARNED BY TANK TROOPS TO STOP WATCHING WITH BINOCULARS OR RISK BEING FIRED UPON. THE AIRPORT WAS OPEN AS OF 1600 JUNE 6 AND THE ROAD TO THE AIRPORT WAS OPEN BUT TRAFFIC WAS MOVING SLOWLY. CAMPUSES ARE STILL QUIET. WE IAVE HAD DIFFICULTY REACHING CONGEN CHENGDU BY PHONE, BUT THE TELEX LINK IS STILL RELIABLE. WE ADVISED CHENGDU TO MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR DEPENDENT EVACUATION, AND ASKED THEM TO ADVISE BUSINESSMEN TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY. SHENYANG IS QUIET AS OF 1900, ACCORDING TO THE CONGEN. THE JUNE 6 PEOPLE'S DAILY OMITTED ANY REFERENCE TO MARTIAL LAW OR SENIOR -EADERSHIP ACTIVITIES AND THE JUNE 6 CHINA DAILY PRINTED ONLY LIMITED EXCERPTS OF KEY PARTY AND GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS PRINTED IN PEOPLE'S DAILY JUNE 5 (SEE BEIJING 15503 FOR FURTHER DETAILS). THE EC 12 COUNTRIES ARE OFFERING AUTHORIZED VOLUNTARY EVACUATION TO DEPENDENTS. CANADIAN AND AUSTRALIAN EMBASSIES ARE REDUCING TO SKELETAL STAFFS. END SUMMARY.

3. DEPENDENT EVACUATION

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THE EMBASSY IS SENDING BY SEPTEL A RECOMMENDATION FOR AUTHORIZED VOLUNTARY EVACUATION OF DEPENDENTS FROM ALL POSTS IN CHINA.

4. NEW TRAVEL ADVISORY LANGUAGE

WE HAVE SUBMITTED BY SEPTEL A RECOMMENDATION FOR NEW TRAVEL ADVISORY LANGUAGE ADVISING BUSINESSMEN AND PRIVATE CITIZENS THROUGHOUT C) INA TO DEPART THE COUNTRY

5. JIANGUOMENWAI DIPLOMATIC COMPOUND RESIDENTS THREATENED

RESIDENTS OF THE JIANGUOMENWAI DIPLOMATIC COMPOUND WHO WERE ON THEIR BALCONIES WITH BINOCULARS OBSERVING THE JIANGUOMENWAI OVERPASS WERE WARNED BY TANKERS USING HANDHELD LOUDSPEAKERS. THE TANKERS WARNED RESIDENTS THAT IF THEY DID NOT WITHDRAW FROM THE BALCONIES AND CEASE THEIR OBSERVATION, THEY WOULD BE FIRED UPON.

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AS OF 1600 JUNE 6, THE AIRPORT WAS OPEN AND THE ROAD TO THE AIRPORT WAS PASSABLE, ALTHOUGH THE NORMAL ONE HOUR ROUND TRIP TOOK ABOUT TWO HOURS. SOLDIERS AND TROOP TRUCKS ARE STILL IN EVIDENCE AT THE THIRD RING ROAD WHERE IT INTERSECTS THE AIRPORT ROAD.

7. CAMPUSES STILL QUIET, BUT ARTILLERY HEARD BY - EMBOFF IN FRIENDSHIP HOTEL AREA

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THE EMBASSY STUDENT RELOCATION TEAMS HAVE VERY LITTLE TROUBLE DRIVING TO THE NORTHWEST AREAS OF THE CITY. PROBLEM AREAS WERE THE NORTH, EAST, AND WEST SECOND RING ROADS, WHICH WERE OCCUPIED BY INFANTRY AND ARMOR. THERE WERE NO TROOPS ON OR AROUND ANY OF THE CAMPUSES. ACCORDING TO STUDENT AND FACULTY, ALL CAMPUSES HAVE REMAINED FAIRLY QUIET SINCE SUNDAY. A LARGE NUMBER OF THE AMERICAN STUDENTS FELT SECURE ON THE CAMPUSES AND REFUSED THE EMBASSY'S RELOCATION OFFER. HOWEVER, AT 1500 JUNE 6, AN EMBOFF IN A POSITION NEAR THE FRIENDSHIP HOTEL IN THE NORTHWESTERN BEIJING REPORTED HEARING ARTILLERY FIRE.

8. CHENGOU ADVISED TO MAKE RESERVATIONS TO EVACUATE - DEPENDENTS

WE ARE HAVING TROUBLE WITH THE PHONE LINES BETWEEN CHENGDU AND BEIJING, BUT THE CONGEN MANAGED TO GET THROUGH TO US THE AFTERNOON OF JUNE 6. WE ADVISED THAT CHENGDU MAKE RESERVATIONS ON A FLIGHT TO GUANGZHOU FOR DEPENDENT EVACUATION. (THERE ARE ONLY THREE FLIGHTS PER WEEK.) WE ALSO ADVISED THE CONGEN TO TELL AMCIT BUSINESSMEN TO LEAVE CHINA. CHENGDU'S TELEX CONNECTION TO THE EMBASSY IS STILL RELIABLE.

8. SHENYANG REPORTEDLY QUIET

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CONGEN SHENYANG REPORTS THE CITY APPEARS QUIET.

9. PEOPLE'S DAILY FRONT PAGE MAKES NO MENTION OF MARTIAL LAW SITUATION

IT APPEARS THAT THE PEOPLE'S DAILY REFUSAL TO PRINT A LIBERATION ARMY DAILY EDITORIAL AND CHINA DAILY'S SEVERE EDITING OF STATEMENTS BY THE PLA MARTIAL LAW HEADQUARTERS (PREVIOUSLY REPORTED BEIJING 15503), OCCURRED LAST NIGHT, AFFECTING JUNE 6 ISSUE OF THE PAPERS. TODAY'S FRONT PAGE OF THE PEOPLE'S DAILY MAKES NO MENTION OF ANY MARTIAL LAW ACTIVITIES OR THE SITUATION IN BEIJING. THE CHINA DAILY PRINTED VERY LIMITED EXCERPTS OF THE PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND STATE COUNCIL JOINT STATEMENT MAKING ONLY

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LIMITED REFERENCES TO "COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY RIOTS." THE CHINA DAILY ARTICLE ALSO CARRIED ONLY TWO PARAGRAPHS FROM THE LETTER TO THE PLA MARTIAL LAW UNITS BY THE PLA GENERAL STAFF, GENERAL POLITICAL DEPARTMENT, AND GENERAL LOGISTICS DEPARTMENT THAT APPEARED IN YESTERDAY'S PEOPLE'S DAILY.

10. EC 12 IMPLEMENTING AUTHORIZED VOLUNTARY EVACUATION FOR DEPENDENTS

EC AMBASSADORS MET THIS AFTERNOON. AS OF TODAY, NONE OF THE EC WILL GO BEYOND AUTHORIZED VOLUNTARY EVACUATION OF DEPENDENTS, I.E. NO MANDATORY EVACUATION, NO REDUCTION TO SKELETAL STAFFS. THE FRG SEEMS TO BE MOVING MOST QUICKLY OF THE EC EMBASSIES--MOST OF THEIR DEPENDENTS WILL VOLUNTARILY DEPART BY TOMORROW VIA CHARTERED FLIGHT. WE

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